



Using Better Resources

CART is an acronym to help you evaluate resources.

Keep CART in mind when looking at ALL resources – print resources, like books, encyclopedias and magazines, and online resources, like website, online encyclopedias and databases.

C_{urrent}

Is the resource current? Does it have to be? Do different topics require information to be more up-to-date?

A_{ccessible}

Is the resource accessible? Can you read it and understand what it means? Is it too hard to understand, too easy?

R_{elevant}

Is the resource relevant? Does it address the topic you are researching? Will it help you answer the question?

T_{rustworthy}

Is the resource trustworthy? Who wrote it? Who were they writing it for? Are they an expert on the topic? Was it written by a person, an organization, etc.? Why did the author write it?